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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 15268.1

#12/Election  
Ross  
1-23-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Gast et al. )  
Serial No. 09/646,767 ) Art Unit  
Confirmation No. 7760 ) 3641  
Filed: November 30, 2000 )  
For: PROPELLANTS FOR GAS GENERATOR )  
Examiner: Aileen Baker Felton )

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated December 26, 2002,  
Applicants respectfully submit the following election.

Applicants are required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species for purposes of narrowing the Examiner's search for each of elements A, B, C, D, and E. In addition, Applicants are required to elect a single catalyst species. Accordingly, Applicants elect the following species without traverse:

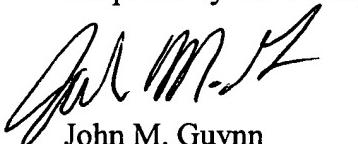
A (fuel): nitroguanidine  
B (oxidizer): strontium nitrate  
C (slag trap): highly dispersed titanium dioxide  
D (slag former): iron (III) oxide  
E (binder): methylhydroxyethylcellulose  
Catalyst: platinum metal (Pt)

Claims 1-6 and 8-16 read on the elected species while claim 7 is withdrawn from consideration at this time because it relates to a non-elected species. Nevertheless, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claim 7 upon the allowance of a generic claim.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response to the Election of Species Requirement, the Examiner is requested to initiate a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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